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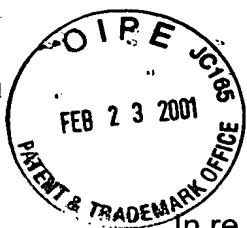
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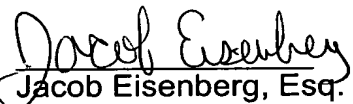
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In compliance with Rule 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is set out in the specification and/or in that these references were cited by the German Patent Office in the corresponding Priority Application, No. DE 199 63 809.8, filed December 30, 1999 and/or mentioned in the above referenced US application and/or determined by Applicant(s) to be related to the patentability of the claims.

Pursuant to Rule 1.97(b), this information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application; within three months of date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. Therefore no fee for this filing is due. Consideration of the attached references by the Examiner is requested.

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